

EZEKIEL

DATE	BOOK	KEY THOUGHT	CONTENT	KEY LESSONS	JESUS IN THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE
	Old Testament				
	Major Prophets				
590 - 570 BC	Ezekiel 48 Chapters	Judgment and restoration	Decline and fall of Judah and eventual restoration of Israel.	Know God	Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Great Physician

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Isaiah wrote of God's Salvation

Jeremiah wrote of God's Judgment

Daniel wrote of God's Kingdom

Ezekiel wrote of God's Glory

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Ezek. 1: 28

28 As the appearance of the rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so *was* the appearance of the surrounding radiance. Such *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw *it*, I fell on my face and heard a voice speaking.

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The Book of Ezekiel is divided into five parts:

Chapters 1-3 - The Call of the Prophet

Ezekiel sees the Lord and His glory. He is called as a watchman to the house of Israel to warn, reprove, and call them to repentance.

Chapters 4-24 - Judgment until the Siege of Jerusalem

The Lord instructs Ezekiel to use symbols to represent the wickedness of Israel and the destruction of Jerusalem. Ezekiel prophesies of the Lord's judgments on Jerusalem and explains why famine, desolation, war, and pestilence will sweep the land of Israel.

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The Book of Ezekiel is divided into five parts:

Chapters 25-32 - Judgment and Condemnation of Nations

The Lord commands Ezekiel to declare the wickedness of the nations surrounding Israel and prophesy of their destruction.

Chapters 33-39 - Salvation for Israel

The Lord reproves the leaders of Israel for being poor shepherds over their people. The Lord will be a true shepherd to Israel and will provide salvation to the Jews and Gentiles.

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The Book of Ezekiel is divided into five parts:

Chapters 40-48 - Restoration of Israel and the Temple

Ezekiel records his vision of Israel's restoration after the exile and in the latter days. The Lord promises to gather the Israelites from captivity, return them to their promised lands, renew His covenant with them, and reunite the kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

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The purpose of the book of Ezekiel is to demonstrate how seriously God takes sin and will eventually bring judgment if repentance does not occur. This is seen throughout the book as God gives Ezekiel very vivid pictures of how Israel has forsaken Him.

Ezekiel also displays God's ultimate plan for His people through the prophecies of Israel regathered and temple worship reinstated.

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Ezekiel means “may God strengthen.”

Ezekiel gave his people hope and reminded them to remain faithful to God.

He prophesied about the end of times. Other prophecies included Israel’s becoming a nation again after years of captivity (Dry bones came back to life).

Ezekiel 37: 4-5

4 Again He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.’”

5 “Thus says the Lord God to these bones, ‘Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life.’”

Ezekiel prophesied to the exiles in Babylon, giving them a message of hope for restoration.

The real hope of Ezekiel’s message is purely messianic.

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God called Ezekiel a watchman.

Ezek. 3: 17-19

17 “Son of man, I have appointed you a watchman to the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from My mouth, warn them from Me.

18 “When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand.

19 “Yet if you have warned the wicked and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

He was to watch the Israelites and warn them of spiritual dangers. Failure to sound the warnings made the watchman accountable to God for the sins of the people.

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He prophesied against both Judah and Israel, depicting their bondage, suffering, and humiliation in various graphic ways.

Ezek. 2: 5-7

5 “As for them, whether they listen or not—for they are a rebellious house—they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 “And you, son of man, neither fear them nor fear their words, though thistles and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions; neither fear their words nor be dismayed at their presence, for they are a rebellious house.

7 “But you shall speak My words to them whether they listen or not, for they are rebellious.

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God makes Ezekiel a virtual object lesson for Israel: he must himself feel the bitterness of those things of which he prophesies.

Ezekiel, who in an earnestly practical way, "eats the sin offering," had to feel, not only the sin of God's people, but the governmental judgments of God against that sin.

Ezekiel is a book most helpful for strengthening the soul to stand firmly for God, even when alone and when faced with continual opposition.

This book shows that the Lord is mindful of His people wherever they are.

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Ezekiel was a priest/prophet.

Ezek. 1: 1-3

1 Now it came about in the thirtieth year, on the fifth *day* of the fourth month, while I was by the river Chebar among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

2 (On the fifth of the month in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's exile,

3 the word of the Lord came expressly to Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and there the hand of the Lord came upon him.)

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Ezekiel was married. We are not told whether he had children.

Ezek. 24: 15-18

15 And the word of the Lord came to me saying,

16 “Son of man, behold, I am about to take from you the desire of your eyes with a blow; but you shall not mourn and you shall not weep, and your tears shall not come.

17 “Groan silently; make no mourning for the dead. Bind on your turban and put your shoes on your feet, and do not cover *your* mustache and do not eat the bread of men.”

18 So I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And in the morning I did as I was commanded.

Ezekiel lived on the banks of the Chebar River at a city called Telabib.

Ezek. 3: 15

15 Then I came to the exiles who lived beside the river Chebar at Tel-abib, and I sat there seven days where they were living, causing consternation among them.

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The book of Ezekiel reminds us to seek out the Lord in those dark times when we feel lost, to examine our own lives, and to align ourselves with the one true God.

God intended the punishment and judgment in Ezekiel's day to be a means to an end—to bring His people to a state of repentance and humility before the one true God.

They had lived for so long in sin and rebellion, confident in their own strength and that of the neighboring nations, that they needed God to remind them of His holy nature and their humble identity in a most dramatic way. After centuries of warnings, prophetic messages, and invasions, God decided that more significant action was required—He had to remove the people from their promised land.

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Ezekiel ministered to his generation who were both exceedingly sinful and thoroughly hopeless. By means of his prophetic ministry he attempted to bring them to immediate repentance and to have confidence in the distant future.

He taught that:

1. God works through human messengers;
2. Even in defeat and despair God's people need to affirm God's sovereignty;
3. God's Word never fails;
4. God is present and can be worshiped anywhere;
5. People must obey God if they expect to receive blessings;
6. God's Kingdom will come.

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Ezekiel prophesied under the following kings:

Josiah

Jehoahaz

Jehoiakim

Jehoiachin/Jeconiah

Zedekiah

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Ezekiel, destined to begin his life's ministry as a priest at age thirty, was uprooted from his homeland and marched off to Babylon at the age of twenty-five. For five years he languished in despair.

At age thirty a majestic vision of Yahweh's glory captivated his being in Babylon. The priest/prophet discovered God was not confined to the narrow strictures of Ezekiel's native land.

God is a universal God who commands and controls all persons and all nations.

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In Babylon, God imparted to Ezekiel His Word for the people. His call experience transformed Ezekiel. He became devoted to God's Word.

He realized he had nothing personally to assist the captives in their bitter situation, but he was convinced God's Word spoke to their condition and could give them victory.

Ezekiel used various methods to convey God's Word to his people. He used art in drawing a depiction of Jerusalem, symbolic actions and unusual conduct to secure attention. He cut his hair and beard to demonstrate what God would do to Jerusalem and its inhabitants.

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In chapter 34, God denounces the leaders of Israel as false shepherds for their poor care of His people. Instead of caring for the sheep of Israel, they cared for themselves.

They ate well, were well-clothed and well-cared for by the very people they had been placed over.

Ezek. 34: 1-3

1 Then the word of the Lord came to me saying,

2 “Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to those shepherds, ‘Thus says the Lord God, “Woe, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock?”

3 “You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat *sheep* without feeding the flock.

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Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for the sheep and who protects them from the wolves who would destroy the flock.

John 10: 11-12

11 “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

12 “He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters *them*.

The shepherds of Israel failed to minister to the weak, sick, injured and lost.

Ezek. 34: 4

4 “Those who are sickly you have not strengthened, the diseased you have not healed, the broken you have not bound up, the scattered you have not brought back, nor have you sought for the lost; but with force and with severity you have dominated them.

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Jesus is the Great Physician who heals our spiritual wounds by His death on the cross.

Is. 53: 5

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

He is the one who seeks and saves that which is lost.

Luke 19: 10

10 “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

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The book of Ezekiel shares with us:

1. Judah and Jerusalem deserved the judgment of total destruction and exile.
2. Judgment came on those who had flagrantly violated the law of God.
3. God judged the nations who had turned against his people.
4. God brought great blessings to his people after the exile.
5. The center of the restored people of God was Jerusalem and its Temple.

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The plan of Restoration by God's Grace

1. **God would give His people a new heart.**
2. **God would place a new spirit in His people.**
3. This plan foreshadows **Baptism.**

Ezek. 36: 24-29

24 "For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

25 "Then **I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;** I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 "Moreover, I will give you a **new heart** and **put a new spirit within you;** and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

28 "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

29 "Moreover, **I will save you from all your uncleanness;** and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.

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Ezekiel describes Jehovah as:

Omnipotent – having unlimited power

Ezek. 1: 24-25

24 I also heard the sound of their wings like the sound of abundant waters as they went, like the voice of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army camp; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

25 And there came a voice from above the expanse that was over their heads; whenever they stood still, they dropped their wings.

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Ezekiel describes Jehovah as:

Omniscient – Knowing everything

Ezek. 1: 18-21

18 As for their rims they were lofty and awesome, and the rims of all four of them were full of eyes round about.

19 Whenever the living beings moved, the wheels moved with them. And whenever the living beings rose from the earth, the wheels rose *also*.

20 Wherever the spirit was about to go, they would go in that direction. And the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings *was* in the wheels.

21 Whenever those went, these went; and whenever those stood still, these stood still. And whenever those rose from the earth, the wheels rose close beside them; for the spirit of the living beings *was* in the wheels.

Omnipresent – present everywhere at the same time

Ezek. 1: 13-14

13 In the midst of the living beings there was something that looked like burning coals of fire, like torches darting back and forth among the living beings. The fire was bright, and lightning was flashing from the fire.

14 And the living beings ran to and fro like bolts of lightning.

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The Book of Ezekiel calls us to join in a fresh and living encounter with the God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets.

We must be overcomers or we will be overcome.

Ezekiel challenges us:

1. To experience a life-changing vision of God's power, knowledge, eternal presence and holiness;
2. To let God direct us;
3. To comprehend the depth of and commitment to evil that lodges in each human heart;
4. To recognize that God holds His servants responsible for warning wicked men of their peril;
5. To experience a living relationship with Jesus Christ, who said that the new covenant is to be found in His blood.

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536 - 530 BC	Daniel 12 Chapters	Sovereignty of God	Panorama of world history from Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece and Rome to the future kingdom.	Man can be pleasing to God.	He is the stranger in the fire with us

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Daniel and his friends were hostages in Babylonian. They were selected to serve in the palace. They were faithful to the Lord and refused to worship the Babylonian gods.

Daniel's faithfulness, wisdom and education enabled King Nebuchadnezzar to acknowledge that the God of Israel is God.

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Two well-known stories from Daniel:

The Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3):

When Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to worship a golden idol of King Nebuchadnezzar, they were thrown into a flaming furnace, yet were untouched due to God's deliverance.

The Lion's Den (Daniel 6):

When Daniel prayed to God against King Darius' orders, he was thrown into a den of lions but was untouched. Those who plotted against him were then thrown into the lion's den and were killed.

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Dan 2: 44

44 “In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

Dan 3: 25

25 He said, “Look! I see four men loosed *and* walking *about* in the midst of the fire without harm, and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of *the* gods!”

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Dan. 6: 22

22 My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths and they have not harmed me, inasmuch as I was found innocent before Him; and also toward you, O king, I have committed no crime."

Dan. 12: 1-2

1 Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

2 "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace *and* everlasting contempt.

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Chapters 1-6 are history and include the stories about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego in the fiery furnace, King Belshazzar sees an invisible hand writing on the wall and Daniel in the lions den.

Starting with chapter 7, Daniel prophesy about the future. The angel, Gabriel, announced that the exile will last 70 years. (Dan. 9: 20-27)

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From chapter 7 to the end of the book, the subject matter is that of distinct prophetic visions given to Daniel.

These visions involve the great empires of the world and Israel's connection with them, and the eventual triumph of the Lord of glory over all the nations, on behalf of His own people.